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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES CURRENT COMMERCIAL OPERATOR LICENSE EXAMINATION (COLE) MANAGERS (WT Docket No. 98-228)

To obtain a new or upgraded FCC commercial operator license, one must pass an examination administered by a COLE Manager.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of this *Public Notice* is to list the entities currently certified as COLE Managers.<sup>2</sup> The COLE Managers listed below are authorized to administer examinations nationwide and, in some instances, at foreign sites. Upon passing the examination, the COLE Manager will issue the examinee one or more Proof of Passing Certificates (PPC) to be included with the license application package that the examinee or the issuing COLE Manager files with the FCC.

**BFT Training Unlimited**, P. O. Box 2677, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. All elements are available at regularly scheduled times or by appointment from 150 examiners throughout most of the United States and U.S. Territories, as well other locations by prior arrangement. Fee: \$75.00 per 1-2 exam elements, with a minimum fee of \$75.00 per exam session. Contact: J. David Byrd at 800-821-0906 or 707-792-5678; FAX: 707-792-5677; Internet: [www.elkinstraining.com](http://www.elkinstraining.com); E-mail: [info@elkinstraining.com](mailto:info@elkinstraining.com)

**Electronic Technicians Association International, Inc.**, 5 Depot Street, Greencastle, IN 46135. All elements are available at test sites located throughout all states, including all U. S. military installations (DANTES). Call for schedule information. Examinations are also available by appointment. License exams may be taken at over 600 locations as well as all U.S. Military Education Centers. Fast electronic filing available. Fee: \$50.00 per 1 or 2 exam elements. Contact: Richard Glass at 765-653-4301 or 1-800-288-3824; FAX: 765-653-4287; Internet: [www.eta-sda.com](http://www.eta-sda.com); E-mail: [eta@tds.net](mailto:eta@tds.net)

**Elkins International, Inc.**, P. O. Box 797666, Dallas, TX 75379. Examinations for all elements are available at regular scheduled times or by appointment at Elkins' test centers throughout the United States, American Territories and installations overseas. Fee: \$25.00 per element, with a minimum of \$50

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 13.201(b). On January 14, 1993, the Commission privatized the administration of examinations for commercial radio operator licenses, and delegated to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (formerly Private Radio Bureau) (Bureau) to certify private entities to be COLE Managers. See Amendment of Part 13 of the Commission's Rules to Privatize the Administration of Examinations for Commercial Operator Licenses and to Clarify Certain Rules, *Report and Order*, FO Docket No. 92-206, 8 FCC Rcd 1046 (1993).

<sup>2</sup> On September 3, 2004, the Bureau opened the most recent filing window for entities interested in being certified as a COLE Manager. See Commission Opens Filing Window for Commercial Operator License Examination Managers, *Public Notice*, 19 FCC Rcd 17490 (WTB PSCID 2004). We received one application, from LaserGrade LP (LaserGrade). See Letter dated Oct. 6, 2004 from Jeff Blake, Executive Vice President, LaserGrade, LP to Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. After reviewing LaserGrade's application, we concluded that LaserGrade was qualified to be a COLE Manager, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with LaserGrade on February 1, 2005.

per exam session. Contact: Laura Elkins at 888-621-8876; E-mail: [elkins@eitn.com](mailto:elkins@eitn.com)

**International Society of Certified Electronics Technicians (ISCET)**, 3608 Pershing Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107-4527. All elements are available by appointment from 360 examiners in 47 states, Guam, and selected foreign countries. (Alaska, Vermont, and Wyoming not presently available.) Fee: \$50.00 - 90.00. Contact: Ed Clingman at 817-921-9101; FAX: 817-921-3741; Internet: [www.iscet.org](http://www.iscet.org); E-mail: [ed@iscet.org](mailto:ed@iscet.org)

**LaserGrade Computer Testing, Inc.**, 16821 SE McGillivray, Suite 201, Vancouver, WA 98683. All written elements are available at more than 500 sites throughout North America and internationally. Fee: \$60.00 for the first element and \$30.00 for up to two additional elements per day. Computer based testing is offered on a daily basis throughout the year. Contact: Linda Small at 800-211-2753, ext. 203 or 360-859-1277; FAX: 360-891-0958; Internet: [www.lasergrade.com](http://www.lasergrade.com); E-mail: [Linda.small@lasergrade.com](mailto:Linda.small@lasergrade.com)

**Marine Technical Institute**, 1915 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. All elements are available daily by appointment at test sites in fifteen states. Fee: \$50.00 for the first 2 Elements (minimum sitting fee \$50.) and \$25.00 for each additional Element per sitting. Contact: Jack Krantz at 954-525-1014; FAX: 954-764-0431; E-mail: [info@MPTUSA.com](mailto:info@MPTUSA.com)

**The National Association of Radio Telecommunications Engineers, Inc. (NARTE)**, 167 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053. All written elements are available at regular scheduled times or by appointment at over 270 testing locations throughout the US and at US military installations (DANTES) worldwide. Fast electronic filing available for FCC Licenses. Fee: \$50.00 for up to 3 exam Elements. Contact: Melissa Bregani at 800-89-NARTE; FAX: 508-533-3815; Internet: [www.narte.org](http://www.narte.org); E-mail: [narte@narte.org](mailto:narte@narte.org)

**National Radio Examiners**, P. O. Box 565206, Dallas, TX 75356-5206. All examination elements are available at more than 250 test centers across the U.S. and in some foreign countries. Fast electronic filing to the FCC results in almost immediate receipt of license. Fee: \$35.00 per license. Contact: Larry Pollock at 817-860-3800; FAX: 817-548-9594; Internet: [www.radioexaminers.com](http://www.radioexaminers.com); E-mail: [colem@radioexaminers.com](mailto:colem@radioexaminers.com)

**Sea School**, 8440 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. All written elements are available by appointment in 83 coastal cities and at 200 airport cities around the country. Fee: \$25.00 - \$55.00. Contact: Mary Foster at PHONE: 1-800-237-8663; FAX: 727-522-3155. Internet: [www.seaschool.com](http://www.seaschool.com); E-mail: [hqstaff@seaschool.com](mailto:hqstaff@seaschool.com)

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By the Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.